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GUILTY PLEA IN AGGRAVATED IDENTITY THEFT CASE

Randy G. Massey, Acting United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that on November 7, 2006, **MONICA D. REED**, age 39, formerly of Collinsville, pled guilty in Federal Court in East St. Louis to six counts of Wire Fraud, one count of Bank Fraud, one count of Credit Card Fraud, one count of Aggravated Identity Theft, and one count of Use of A False Document.

Wire Fraud carries a statutory maximum penalty of 20 years and/or a fine of \$250,000. Bank Fraud carries a statutory maximum penalty of 30 years and/or a fine of \$1,000,000. Use of A False Document carries a statutory maximum penalty of not more than five years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and three years' supervised release. Aggravated Identity Theft carries a maximum penalty of a mandatory consecutive two years' imprisonment, and a \$250,000 fine, and three years' supervised release. Credit Card Fraud carries a maximum penalty of not more than ten years' imprisonment or a \$250,000 fine, or both, and three years' supervised release.

MONICA D. REED'S sentencing is scheduled for February 12, 2007.

The successful prosecution was the result of an investigation conducted by the Air Force Office of Special Investigations and United States Postal Inspection Service. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Jennifer Hudson.